

Skippers Pull Out Squeaky 62-60 Win Over Hull

By Steve MacQuarrie

They didn't look too impressive doing it and it took them a pair of overtime periods to do it, but Cohasset was just strong enough to eke out a 62-60 win over a surprising Hull team last Friday night.

The Skippers were plagued by their poorest shooting performance of the year, as they got plenty of opportunities to shoot over and inside Hull's

2-3 zone defense.

They were equally inaccurate from the foul line, converting only 45 per cent of their charity attempts while Hull was sinking 75 per cent of theirs. The Skippers did manage a 23-21 halftime lead, but then needed a 15 point second half performance from co-captain Paul Farren and a last minute basket from Brian Keating just to tie the score at 50 and send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, the Skippers shot off to an early lead, but a Hull hoop in the dying seconds made it 58-58, requiring a second 3 minute session. Here Farren opened the scoring to give Cohasset another lead, and co-captain Matt Salerne put the game away as he bullseyed 2 free throws after stealing a Hull pass.

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The Pirates' junior center Brian Donahue bedeviled the Skippers all night, finishing as the game's high scorer with 33 points. The textbooks claim that a more equitable distribution of points should prevail and with four players in double figures - Farren (19), Keating (16), Mark Goff (12) and Salerno (10) - Cohasset proved the point.

The win pushed the team's record to 6-2 and Cohasset Coach John LeVangie, who is, ironically, a guidance counselor at Hull High in his other life, is beginning to think about qualifying for the state tournament, a feat which has been accomplished only once before (1972), at least so far as anyone around CHS can remember. The Skippers need to win 8 of their remaining 12 games, or finish second in the South Shore League to qualify. With four players - Keating, Farren, Goff and Salerno - averaging in double figures along with senior guard John Hawley to get them the ball, and a strong bench, the chances are good.

Next home game is against Norwell tomorrow (Friday) night.

Hull Dunks

Girls Quintet

Hull handed Cohasset's girls basketball team a 50-27 win last week.

Jodi Sandblom led Skipper scorers with seven points and 12 rebounds before retiring on fouls.

The Skippers record fell below .500 to 2-3.



Madeline Roy goes up for two points in CHS girls' basketball action. (Derr)



UP AND IN — Heide Brown of CHS jayvees puts one up and in. Donna Chisholm, below, computes angle around defenders before passing off. (Greg Derr photos)



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